



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6174**

LCO No. 1111



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. BOLINSKY, 106th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS IN A LEGAL DISPUTE INVOLVING THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF A CHILD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 815j of the general statutes be amended to provide that
- 2 the court, upon the filing of an action involving the care and custody of
- 3 a child, shall inquire of the parents or guardians of such child as to
- 4 whether the child is receiving special needs services or mental health
- 5 support services and, if so, the court shall (1) report this information to
- 6 the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and
- 7 Children and Families, and (2) coordinate with said departments to
- 8 ensure that the parents, guardians and child receive all needed services
- 9 for not less than three years from the date of filing the action.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that parents or guardians involved in a legal dispute concerning the care and custody of a child receive special needs services and mental health support services.